

### English

This term we are kicking off the year by going on a bear hunt and finding out about the author Michael Rosen. We are then going to be looking at instructions and writing our own healthy pizza recipes. Leading up to Easter we plan to develop our story and letter writing skills.

Phonics is still key and we will be starting to move forward to split e words in year one and continue to develop our spelling rules in year 2. Reading books are independently chosen by the children depending on their interests. Guided reading groups are used to help encourage shared strategies and develop comprehension skills.

Volunteers to help hearing readers in the afternoon would be appreciated.

### Science

Our first focus this term will be Forces and we will be exploring push and pull forces. The children will be using what they find out to pose and develop their own questions to investigations. We will then be finding out about the different materials things are made of and what their properties are.

We will also be continuing our 'long term study' to answer the question:

'Are all deciduous trees in leaf for the same amount of time?'

We are keeping a photo record, weather and temperature log over the year. We were all surprised to find buds on four of our focus trees in late December.

### Computing

The children regularly have the chance to play games or use computers to support their learning. This term we have been spoilt and have 12 new Bee Bot roamers for the children to program. They tie in really well with our map skills and following directions. The second half of term unit will be learning how to write our own blogs for the school website and using simple database software.



### Maple Class Spring Term 2018

Welcome back to another school year. We are lucky to have Mrs Black joining us for the term.

Feel free to catch up us with any queries or concerns. Kind regards, Mrs Price

### Health & Citizenship

Our first unit will be 'Hands, Teeth & Hygiene', learning how to keep clean and healthy. Our second theme will be 'The Picnic' - learning about litter and make our world a better place.

### Music

We will be using Charanga, an online program with fun and interactive music. Our units for this term are 'Glockenspiel' and 'I Wanna Play In a Band'.

### Maths

In line with the Primary Framework we will be developing number and calculation strategies. Key building blocks for these are our number bonds up to 20, as well as counting and times tables. We have already begun to read analogue clocks to half and quarter hours. Home support to keep up regular practise reading clock faces would be great. Other areas which will be revisited are fractions and shape. We will also be learning about measuring weight, how to read coordinates and create a simple graph.

### RE

Our themes this term will be:

'Remembering' - Passover

'Sad and Happy' - The Easter Story

### Creative Curriculum

Our theme this first half term is 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and we will be exploring our local area and developing our map and compass skills. The second term our focus will be 'Explorers' and we will be finding out about different important explorers from the past and nowadays.

### PE

Tuesday: Premier Sport will be leading units Handball and Cricket. Other class PE will take place on a Monday afternoon covering Football and Gym.